EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LYNN
AND PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF LYNN
REGULATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INLAND AND COASTAL LANDINGS,
BOAT RAMPS, MARINAS AND YACHT CLUBS

DATE OF THE ORDER: May 11, 2020

Public and private landings, boat ramps, marinas and yacht clubs shall be regulated with the following provisions/protections to be enforced by the Harbormaster, Coast Guard and Lynn Police:

RECREATIONAL BOATING

- Boat landings and ramps are limited to Massachusetts residents only.
- Out of state boats are prohibited.
- Only one (1) boat may access and use the boat landings and ramps at one time.
- Patrons must remain in their vehicles until the landings and ramps are cleared for use by the previous user.
- When accessing the landings and ramps, all people must maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others.
- All designated traffic control lanes that have been put in place must be strictly adhered to.
- Only persons from immediate households that share a home are permitted to board a vessel together. Absolutely no guests.
- All vessels must arrive fully prepared to launch.
- Before arriving at the landings and ramps, individuals must already have anything needed safely stowed aboard the vessel (this includes Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), sanitizer, wipes, gloves, face coverings, sunscreen, refreshments, fishing gear, etc.).
- Vessels must leave the landings and ramp areas shortly after launching.
- Boat landings and ramps shall remain open subject to available parking, with the exception of the EDIC boat ramp where no parking will be available, but the ramp will remain open for launching only. With the exception of the EDIC ramp, all ramps and landings will be considered closed if all parking is full. All vehicles and trailers must be legally parked, or will be otherwise subject to ticketing and/or towing.
Before and after coming into contact with an item someone else may have touched (like a fuel pump at a gas station or cart while preparing the vessel for launch), individuals must disinfect by washing their hands or using hand sanitizer. Wearing gloves is strongly encouraged.

• Pursuant to Governor Charles Baker’s Executive Order dated May 1, 2020 and the City of Lynn’s Executive Order dated April 11, 2020, boat ramp and landing attendants must wear a face covering and gloves while on duty.
• Pursuant to Governor Charles Baker’s Executive Order dated May 1, 2020 and the City of Lynn’s Executive Order dated April 11, 2020, face coverings must be worn in public when social distance of six feet or more cannot be met.
• Loitering or gathering of groups on ramps, landings, docks, piers, marinas, etc. for any activity is prohibited.
• All recreational crafts shall remain a safe distance apart. Tying boats or other crafts together is prohibited.
• “Rafting” with other boats or pulling up onto a beach close to another boat is prohibited.
• One float will be used for launching and one float will be used for recovery.
• Boat landings and ramps may be closed periodically due to limited capacity or indefinitely by order of the Board of Health or the Mayor.
• All recreational boating is subject to the discretion of local officials, harbormasters, and law enforcement.
• All local rules, regulations, laws and Coast Guard requirements still apply.

COMMERCIAL BOATING

• Maritime transportation workers, including dredgers, port workers, mariners, ship crewmembers, ship pilots and tugboat operators, equipment operators (to include maintenance and repair, and maritime-specific medical providers), ship supply, chandler, and repair companies have all been deemed essential services under the Governor’s order.
• Commercial fishing is an essential part of the food supply chain and will continue to be allowed. Workers must follow public health guidance to minimize interactions with each other and the public.
• Individuals must adhere to all public health and safety Orders currently issued by the state and city.

FOR HIRE BOATING

• For hire boating will not be permitted while the Governor’s stay at home advisory and essential services order is in effect. Those “For Hire Boating” activities that are prohibited include:
o Charter and head boat fishing
o Sailboat rentals and lessons
o Canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard rentals
o White water rafting and river tubing rentals
o Whale watches and other pleasure cruises
o Any other operation or use of a vessel that is not registered to the passenger.

PENALTY

Pursuant to Massachusetts general Laws Chapter 111, §31, a violation of this Executive Order shall be subject to a fine of up to one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars.

ANY ISSUE OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THESE GUIDELINES SHALL ALSO BE A BASIS FOR THE SUSPENSION/REVOCATION OF ANY AND ALL CITY OF LYNN LICENSES AND PERMITS. A LICENSED ENTITY THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN DETAILING EACH ISSUE OF NONCOMPLIANCE AND A PLAN TO RECTIFY THE ISSUE(S). A LICENSED ENTITY THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RESUME UNTIL THE PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REPORT ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF A LICENSED ENTITY.

The Mayor and Board of Health reserves its right to take any additional actions, at any time, deemed necessary to protect public health and human safety during the pandemic response. All requirements remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health’s judgement that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

IT IS SO ORDERED: Dated: May 11, 2020

THOMAS M. MCGEE
MAYOR

MICHELE DESMARAI
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR